

## Message Text

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PAGE 01 MANILA 19329 080827Z  
ACTION SSO-00

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 ONY-00 /001 W  
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R 080643Z DEC 77  
FM AMEMBASSY MANILA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 8932

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FOR S/S-O ONLY

E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: XX, US  
SUBJ: CURRENT FOREIGN RELATIONS

REF: STATE 282272

I AGREE WITH YOUR TENTATIVE CONCLUSION THAT CFR IS OF MARGINAL  
UTILITY. A FEW EMBASSY OFFICERS HAVE FOUND CFR OCCASIONALLY  
USEFUL, PARTICULARLY WHEN ITS ARTICLES HAVE PROVIDED BACK-  
GROUND OR ANALYSIS ON FOREIGN POLICY DEVELOPMENTS NOT  
AVAILABLE TO THEM FROM OTHER SOURCES. HOWEVER, CONSENSUS  
WITHIN EMBASSY IS THAT OVERALL UTILITY OF CFR DIMINISHED  
BY FACT THAT BY THE TIME IT ARRIVES AT POST, TOPICS  
DISCUSSED IN ITS ARTICLES OFTEN HAVE RECEIVED EXTENSIVE  
COVERAGE IN WIRE SERVICES, LEADING NEWSWEEKLIES, AND/OR  
LOCAL PRESS.  
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